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TAGS: CI, PFOR, SOCI

SUBJ: INTERNATIONAL PROTESTS ON CHILEAN DEATH SENTENCES

REF: SANTIAGO 4512

1. AS EXPECTED, FOUR DEATH SENTENCES RECENTLY ISSUED BY AIR FORCE TRIBUNAL (REFTEL) HAVE EVOKED INTERNATIONAL REACTION. CENSORED SANTIAGO PRESS AUG 2 REPORTS PROTESTS FROM SWEDISH LABOR, "SWEDISH COMMITTEE FOR CHILE," FRENCH SOCIALIST PARTY, ARGENTINE SENATE, BISHOP SERGIO MENDEZ OF CUERNAVACA (MEXICO), VENEZUELAN SENATE, AND BRITISH LABOR PARTY.

2. ON DIPLOMATIC LEVEL, ICRC REPRESENTATIVES TOLD US THEY RECENTLY MADE REPRESENTATIONS TO GOC REAFFIRMING ICRC OPPOSITION TO CAPITAL PUNISHMENT. WE UNDERSTAND SEVERAL EMBASSIES IN SANTIAGO ARE UNDER INSTRUCTIONS TO PROTEST DEATH SENTENCES AND BELGIANS HAVE ALREADY DONE SO.

3. COMMENT. OUR ASSESSMENT REMAINS THAT DEATH SENTENCES WILL BE COMMUTED. WHEN THEY ARE, THIS WILL CERTAINLY BE HERALDED ABROAD AS RESPONSE TO PRESSURE OF WORLD OPINION. DOUBTFUL REGIME PLANNED IT THAT WAY. SEEMS MORE LIKELY IT IS RESULT OF LEGALISTIC CHILEANS PLAYING OUT THE SCENARIO BY THE BOOK--
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